

and Guam Micronesian Kingfisher on Guam and the Mariana Crow on Guam and in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands" (RIN1018-AI25) received on October 13, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9871. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Interim Rule for the Beluga Sturgeon (*Huso huso*)" (RIN1018-AU02) received on October 13, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9872. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of General Counsel, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustment of Civil Penalties for Inflation and Accompany Revisions to NRC Enforcement Policy" (RIN3150-AH55) received on October 26, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9873. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the status of the Commission's licensing and regulatory duties; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9874. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazard Mitigation Planning and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program" (RIN1660-AA17) received on October 14, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9875. A communication from the Acting Director, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prototypes Used Solely for Product Development, Testing, Evaluation, or Quality Control Purposes" (RIN1505-AB32) received on November 4, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9876. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to trade and investment opportunities in Libya; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9877. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update for Calendar Year 2005" (RIN0938-AM93) received on October 26, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9878. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treatment as Qualified Dividend Income for Purposes of Section 1(h)(11)" (Notice 2004-70) received on October 22, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9879. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2004 Base Period T-Bill Rate" (Rev. Rul. 2004-99) received on October 22, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9880. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated Issues: Transfer of Sale of Compensatory Options or Restricted Stock to Related Persons" (UIL:9300.28-00) received on October 22, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9881. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates—November 2004" (Rev. Rul. 2004-102) received on October 22, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9882. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appeals Settlement Guidelines: Intermediary Transactions Tax Shelters" (UIL:9300.16-00) received on October 22, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9883. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated Issue: Notice 2002-21 Tax Shelter" (UIL:9300.19.00) received on October 22, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9884. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bureau of Labor Statistics Price Indexes for Department Stores—August 2004" (Rev. Rul. 2004-101) received on October 22, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9885. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Information Reporting and Other Guidance Distributions with Respect to Securities Issued by Foreign Corporations" (Notice 2004-71) received on October 22, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9886. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Information Reporting Under Section 6050P for Discharges of Indebtedness" (RIN1545-AY35) received on October 22, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9887. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Revenue Ruling 96063 901(j) List" (Rev. Rul. 2004-103) received on October 22, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9888. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "October-December 2004 Bond Factor Amounts" (Rev. Rule 2004-100) received on October 22, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9889. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 1397E—Allocation of National Limitation for Qualified Zone Academy Bonds for Year 2004" (Rev. Proc. 2004-61) received on October 22, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9890. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Classification of Certain Foreign Entities" (Notice 2004-68) received on October 22, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9891. A communication from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9892. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Representative Pay-

ment Under Titles II, VIII, and XVI of the Social Security Act" (RIN0960-AF83) received on October 26, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9893. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule of Fees for Consular Services, Department of State and Overseas Embassies and Consulates" (RIN1400-AB94) received on October 13, 2004; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9894. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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EC-9896. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cost-of-Living Allowances (Nonforeign Areas); Methodology Changes" (RIN3206-AK29) received on October 25, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9897. A communication from the Director, Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's report of the Office of Inspector General for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9898. A communication from the Chairman, Office of General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated and Independent Expenditures by Party Committees" received on November 4, 2004; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-9899. A communication from the Chairman, Office of General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated and Independent Expenditures by Party Committees" received on November 4, 2004; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-9900. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary for Health, Veterans' Health Administration, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "VA Research: Serving Our Nations' Veterans"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-9901. A communication from the Office of Registration Policy and Management, Veterans' Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Presumptions of Service Connection for Diseases Associated with Service Involving Detention or Internment as a Prisoner of War" (RIN2900-AM09) received on October 26, 2004; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 346. A bill to amend the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act to establish a governmentwide policy requiring competition in certain executive agency procurements (Rept. No. 108-415).

By Mr. BENNETT, from the Joint Economic Committee:

Special Report entitled "The 2004 Joint Economic Report" (Rept. No. 108-416).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2995. A bill to permanently extend the income tax deduction for college tuition expenses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2996. A bill to provide for an additional place of holding court in the northern district of New York, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 2997. A bill to amend section 1928 of the Social Security Act to encourage the production of influenza vaccines by eliminating the price cap applicable to the purchase of such vaccines under contracts entered into by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a tax credit to encourage vaccine production capacity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 2998. A bill to promote the development of the emerging commercial human space flight industry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 2999. A bill for the relief of Heilit Martinez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 3000. A bill to postpone the extension of normal trade relations to the products of Laos; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TALENT:

S. 3001. A bill entitled the "Hybrid HOV Access Act"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BOND (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 3002. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Defense to carry out a program to provide a support system for members of the Armed Forces who incur severe disabilities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 3003. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the City of Henderson, Nevada, certain Federal land located in the City, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 3004. A bill to amend chapter 99 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that certain coal industry health benefits may not be modified or terminated; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 3005. A bill to allow State Homeland Security Program grant funds to be used to pay costs associated with the attendance of part-time and volunteer first responders at terrorism response courses approved by the Office for State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. GRAHAM of Florida:

S. 3006. A bill to amend the Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act of 1998; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 3007. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the founding of America's National Parks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. Res. 470. A resolution honoring the life of astronaut Leroy Gordon Cooper, Jr; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. Res. 471. A resolution authorizing the printing of tributes and other related materials in honor of the late Senator Paul Simon; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. Res. 472. A resolution to honor the people of Georgia on the first anniversary of the Rose Revolution; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. SMITH, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Res. 473. A resolution urging the Government of Ukraine to ensure a democratic, transparent, and fair election process for the Presidential run-off election on November 21, 2004; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. Con. Res. 147. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Department of Defense should continue to exercise its statutory authority to support the activities of the Boy Scouts of America, in particular the periodic national and world Boy Scout Jamborees; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. Con. Res. 148. A concurrent resolution honoring the life and contribution of Yogi Bajan, a leader of the Sikhs, and expressing condolences to the Sikh community on his passing; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. LOTT, and Mr. BREAU):

S. Con. Res. 149. A concurrent resolution commending the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and its employees for its dedication and hard work during Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 282

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 282, a bill to amend the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 to require the Statistics Commissioner to collect information from coeducational secondary schools on such schools' athletic programs.

S. 2163

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2163, a bill to establish a national health program administered by the Office of Personnel Management to offer health benefits plans to indi-

viduals who are not Federal employees, and for other purposes.

S. 2395

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) were added as cosponsors of S. 2395, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centenary of the bestowal of the Nobel Peace Prize on President Theodore Roosevelt, and for other purposes.

S. 2433

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2433, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow self-employed individuals to deduct health insurance costs in computing self-employment taxes.

S. 2553

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2553, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of screening ultrasound for abdominal aortic aneurysms under part B of the medicare program.

S. 2568

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) were added as cosponsors of S. 2568, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the tercentenary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, and for other purposes.

S. 2613

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2613, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a scholarship and loan repayment program for public health preparedness workforce development to eliminate critical public health preparedness workforce shortages in Federal, State, and local public health agencies.

S. 2657

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2657, a bill to amend part III of title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of programs under which supplemental dental and vision benefits are made available to Federal employees, retirees, and their dependents,